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CALLOWAY COUNTY: MURRAY ELECTRICIAN AHEAD OF HIS TIME?

When Edison and Marconi were inventing audio-visual wonders, Murray electrician Nathan Stubblefield invented a device he called the “wireless telephone.” Some people have likened it to a wireless radio, but the device also has similarities to the modern cell phone. Stubblefield began work around 1892. His attempt later to start a business around his invention failed. While his name never was a household word, many who know of him equate him with the visionaries of his time.

Nathan Stubblefield with his invention. Photo from the Louis Edward Nollau Nitrate Photographic Print Collection, University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center. Used with permission.



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